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IT HAPPENED IN MONTREAL

by ALEC S. FINEBERG, (B.Com '42)

THE ONE WORD that could describe the news of interest to most Montrealers recently is "Upset".

Last June, many people regarded the results of the Federal elections as being a decided upset.

In October, Montreal held its civic elections. Though the well-known federal or even provincial political parties were not officially represented, two groups opposed each other. One was the Civic Action League (CAL) with the incumbent Mayor Drapeau running for re-election. The other was the Greater Montreal Rally (GMR) formed by Mr. Lucien Croteau, who was then a City Councillor; Senator Sarto Fournier was its mayoralty candidate. Each of the groups supported numerous candidates as councillors for the 99-seat City Council. There were also many independent candidates running for office. Ex-Mayor Camillien Houde (once known as "Mr. Montreal") was expected to run for mayor again, after being on the political sidelines for many years, but he decided against it upon the recommendation of his doctor. Another mayoral candidate was Charles Lafontaine, but he withdrew a few days before voting took place. Though Mr. Drapeau received more votes in this election than in 1954, his only opponent, Senator Fournier, received a plurality of approximately 4,000 votes, and was thus elected Montreal's new Mayor. However, Mr. Croteau, president of the GMR, was defeated in his bid for a council seat. One of the winning councillors was disqualified on technicalities, leaving a vacancy which had to be filled by the other councillors of the same class. Another upset occured when Mr. Croteau, who was nominated for this vacant seat, was unexpectedly defeated, 17 - 15.

Further upsets featured the sports scene. In baseball, the Montreal Royals, usually a strong contender in the International League, ended the 1957 in last place. Incidentally, the highlight of the local baseball season was the game between the International League All-Stars and the Brooklyn Dodgers, which drew 16,000 fans to Delormier Stadium one lovely August evening. The Dodgers won the exciting game by the score of 2 - 1. The size of the crowd was an indication that Montreal is a potentially good baseball city, if given a winning team, and interesting opposition. The Milwaukee Braves upset the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the National League pennant, and then beat the mighty New York Yankees in the 1957 World Series.

In football, the Montreal Alouettes, handicapped by injuries, ended a mediocre season in third place in the Big Four, and were humiliated by Hamilton in the final playoffs. Out west, Winnipeg pulled the upset of the year by beating the Edmonton Eskimos, Grey Cup champions for the past three years, in the best 2 out of 3 finals, which saw the third game go into overtime. Then powerful Hamilton Tiger Cats, though slight pre-game favourites to win the Grey Cup, surprised Winnipeg — and almost all of Canada — by swamping the Blue Bombers 32 - 7.

In hockey, Montreal's prestige has remained high, as the champion Canadiens have dominated the National Hockey League for most of the season. The surprising New York Rangers led the league for a short time, but in late November they went into a slump, and Canadiens regained first place. The once-haughty Detroit team was in last place for a while, but at time of writing had climbed to fourth place.

Even the weather turned extreme. In August, only .08 of an inch of rain fell; the lowest amount ever recorded in Montreal's history for the month of August. September and October were fairly normal. But November made up for August's dry spell by featuring extremely damp weather; there were also some near-zero temperatures, as well as many days of very mild weather.

In closing, the writer extends to all readers heartiest Season's Greetings, and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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DIPLOMAS

Associate in Science

T. Gale, K. Hughes.

Associate in Arts

E. Borgford.

Diploma in Association Science

K. Brown, R. Weir.

DEGREES

Bachelor of Commerce

J. Adams, P. Baker, J. Dowie, L. Einhorn, C. Feldman, P. Gagnon, A Granovsky, W. Hamilton, A. Hryshko, D. Lafond, D. Lebovitz, P. Marquette.

R. McGregor, E. Motard, L. Myers, H. Nozetz, P. Paquin, H. Sanderson, F. Seidel, R. Sonne, F. Sura, B. Terfloth, D. Vines, W. Waddington, J. White.

Bachelor of Science

E. Brichta, E. Bubula, V. Cajal, K. Crowe, O. Dioszegi, S. Eisenstein, R. Jehu, A. Klain, A. Krish, J. L'Heureux.

R. Lucis, J. Milne, H. Mintz, S. Mohan, J. Montpetit, M. Neate, O. Niehouse, E. Psarakis, W. Richards, E. Rist, M. Roseberg, A. Smrcka, P. Ward.

Bachelor of Arts

M. Apple, S. Avrith, J. Beamish, W. Bielski, L. Boucher, K. Brown, W. Campbell, M. Carr, M. Constantine, A. Cook, A. Davidson, A. Deskin, M. Ford, C. Forrest, G. Frank, A. Galler, E. Helfield, T. Herrnritt.

E. Hogan, C. King, M. Kudo, L. Leonard, R. Lindsay, D. Litvack, J. MacKean, N. McCardell, M. McEwen, R. McLearn, M. McNamara, V. Michaels, A. Modolo, H. Moss, H. Nasmith, F. Neylan, E. Nugent, H. Parnass.

C. Pitman, D. Playfair, D. Pospielovsky, M. Radcliffe, D. Reider, E. Rogers, P. Schweitzer, M. Siegal, S. Sirota, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, A. Torchinsky, R. Weir, S. Wilson.

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Birks-Beaton Memorial Scholarship, Glen Gray; **Birks-Beaton Memorial Bursary,** Arthur Perry; **John W. Ross Memorial Scholarship,** Lawrence Stanbridge; **Fred C. Clarke Memorial Scholarship,** Roger R. Brassard, Robert B. Smith; **Abner Kingman Scholarships,** Herman Balig, Benny Bokser, G. G. Bouchat, Ronald Pell, Miss K. M. Quin, Miss R. A. Wicks; **Recia Stanfield Memorial Temple Scholarship,** Gertrude Zuckerman; **Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison Service Award,** Erwin George Szebik; **Herman Weiner Bursary,** Duncan Cameron; **P.E.O. Scholarship,** Cynthia Gillingham; **Entrance Scholarships,** Clifford Osborne Gittens, Gunther Hefman, Jean Lapierre, Dorothy Pearlow; Continuation Scholar**ships,** Harold Angell, Arthur Cordell, David S. Edy, Shalom Endleman, Edward A. Fellows, Jack Gladstone, Marlene Goldenson, Paul James Kelly, H. Malcolm Lott, Alexander Mikalachki, Max Perle, Roslyn Plotnick, Carole Norma Steels, Cynthia Gillingham, Andrew Simon, Gertrude Zukerman; **Continuation Bursaries,** Carol Leonora Riley, Melvin C. Zwaig, Suzanne Boyer, Alan Lindsay Cameron, C. Mac Edwards, Reginald G. Gates, G. A. Grevstad.

CLASS OF 1957

Copies of the 1957 Annual will be available on January 6th, 1958 at the Alumni Office on the second floor of the College building. The office will be open between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings for the purpose of distributing the Annual. Please make every effort to pick up your Annual before January 23rd.

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Address by Honourable William Hamilton Postmaster General of Canada, to the Graduating Class, Sir George Williams College, November 23rd, 1957

Perhaps more conspicuously than usual, Mr. Hamilton's career is symbolic of the struggle against odds of the evening student to obtain the education that circumstances otherwise deny him. Following graduation from Montreal High School, Mr. Hamilton was employed in printing and advertising, and later in press photography. At this time he enrolled in the evening division of the college in the Commerce Division, from which he graduated in 1954 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce; he had previously graduated from the Business School with a Secretarial Diploma in 1940.

After some years as a Chief Accountant in the Canadian office of an English private bank, Mr. Hamilton served as manager of a hotel in Nassau in the Bahamas, which was used to house pilots of the Royal Air Force Transport Command. Later he served with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, becoming head of its prices division, Montreal Branch. He then became executive in wholesale paper and stationery business, and finally from 1949 to 1957 was General Manager of the Advertising and Sales Executives Club of Montreal and Executive Director of the Federation of Canadian Advertising and Sales Clubs.

In 1950, Mr. Hamilton was appointed a City Councillor of Montreal by the Young Men's Section of the Montreal Board of Trade, and was re-appointed to this position by the Senior body three years later. He has only recently resigned from this post.

He entered Federal politics as Progressive Conservative candidate for Notre-Dame de Grace, Montreal and was elected in the general election of 1953, and was re-elected for that constituency on June 10, 1957, receiving Cabinet rank.

I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY to be here tonight because it gives me an opportunity to express publicly and within the confines of Sir George Williams College an appreciation which I have voiced on a number of other occasions in other places. Put simply, I want to express my personal gratitude to the College and its teachers for the education they made possible.

On many occasions I have been aware that this learning was of value to me but I am sure there were other occasions — far more numerous — where the disciplines of thought and the backgrounds of fact which I obtained here during my student days directed me without my conscious knowledge.

The general utility of a university education is something which few of us can appreciate at the time we are receiving it; theoretically, we know it is a good thing to have but practically, until we have experienced its benefits in life, we cannot weigh its value. Fourteen years have now passed since I took part, as a graduate, in the same sort of ceremony which is yours tonight and those fourteen years have brought me a wealth of varied experiences and responsibilities somewhat greater than most men of my age.

Wherever I have gone, and whatever I have done, I have drawn upon those things I learned in your classrooms. In business and in administration the technical skills of accounting, of office administration and others have been of daily use. In Government, the knowledge of the workings of our economic system and of our political system have lightened for me many dark corners. In those myriad other fields of human contact and intercourse between man and man and group and group, I have drawn upon those wells of learning which were first filled during my years here.

I say these things, not in terms of success or failure but in terms of richness of life — of the ability to appreciate and understand those varied matters with which each member of mankind must deal and, even more, in terms of the ability to serve our fellow men in whatever capacity we may be called upon.

I find particular surprise in the almost universal application of the things I learned here. None of us can foresee, in those years of our life spent in college, what course our subsequent life will follow and it has surprised me more than a little that a rather variagated pattern of courses, chosen under no compulsion or plan save that of the college curriculum itself should have fitted so well into so many diverse fields.

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THE RACE TO CONDUCT bigger and better excursion into outer space makes the question of humans reaching the moon more imminent daily — so much so that discussions of ownership of the moon now take on a note of practicality and indeed of urgency. In fact, you too may have noticed that the Junior Ad Club of Detroit has begun an immediate study of the possibilities and the problems of advertising in outer space!

When you consider it, our arrival on the moon may not be an entirely bad thing. The moon probably *isn't* made of green cheese so when we get there we will have to hustle to arrange for means of nourishment and survival. And while it is apparently true that there are no residents to whom we might carry the benefits of singing commercials, no-down-payment and a hot-rod pace of living we *will* have to set up some sort of system to promote order and justice among ourselves up there. The one possible distinct benefit in all this is one for ourselves. It is that before we export our social system with its principles — or inadequacy thereof — we might be induced to take a good, hard look at it. Then we might try to make improvements, to the betterment of those of us who stay here — as well as to those who go.

Our society could *stand* a scrutiny at this time. It has grown tremendously in complexity in just the last generation. Modern mechanization has meant new techniques as well as new equipment which, while admittedly contributing greatly to efficiency, is fearfully complex and requires the attention of the specialist rather than the Jack of all trades.

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Beryl M. Macario, B.A. — recently married to Mr. Edward S. Parker.

Trevor D. Lloyd, B.Sc. — working as Sales Assistant at McArthur Chemical Co. in Montreal. He is also studying for the B.Com. degree in the evenings.

Nicholas C. Skotecky, B.Sc. — is a Chemist at Canadian Liquid Air Co. in Montreal.

John H. Lathey, B.Sc. — formerly living in Montreal, has recently moved to St. Thomas, Ont.

Francis P. Wall, B.A. — transferred by the Aluminium Co. of Canada to their associate company in England on a permanent basis. He will be living in London England in December 1957.

Daniel Ungerson, B.A. — formerly living in Montreal, has recently moved to Perthshire, Scotland.

Norman Coates, B.A. — now in Ithaca, N.Y. where he is a student at Cornell University.

Victor G. Zicha, B.A. — is a student at the University of Southern California.

Harvey M. Cooperstone, B.A. — continuing his studies.

Rolf O. Kroger, B.A. and his wife Marie, B.A. — now living in Paris, France where they are both studying at the Sorbonne.

Erika Maide, B.Com. — working as a clerk at the Sun Life Insurance Co. in Montreal.

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• '56 •

Eugene Dolhyj, B.Sc. — formerly living in Montreal — has moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he will be working for the Harshaw Chemical Co. as an Analytical Chemist.

Miles Wisenthal, B.A. — now studying at Macdonald College in St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Daniel E. Presley, B.A. — recently married and living in Montreal. He is employed at the Bell Telephone Co.

Shirley H. Moskovitch, B.A. — recently married to Mr. Victor Spunt.

Mrs. Helen M. Gemeroy, B.A. — enrolled in a Masters program at Teachers College, Columbia U. in New York. She is majoring in Consultation in Nursing and Nursing Education (Mental Health).

Alfred Ronneberger, B.Com. — third child born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronneberger, a daughter Kirsten on Nov. 21st.

James D. Edy, B.A. — formerly considered as Lost Alumni — now located as living in San Francisco, California.

Niles D. Ring, B.A. — formerly living in Montreal, has recently moved to Chatham, Ont.

Saul L. Ross, B.A. — received the degree of Master of Arts in Physical Education from Western Reserve University in the summer of 1957.

• '55 •

Alison M. MacKay, B.A. — DECEASED MARCH 1957.

Emanuel Goldberg, B.A. — now living in Ottawa, Ont. where he is a Director of Education of Hebrew Schools.

Garvin G. Laurie, B.Sc. — now living in Ste. Foye, Que.

Ian A. MacLeay, B.A. — recently married and living in Rosemount where he is a teacher at Nesbitt School.

• '54 •

J. Armand McMillan, B.Sc. —formerly living in Salt Lake City, Utah, has recently moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Eric C. M. Hickey, B.Sc. — is a first year student at the McGill School of Dentistry.

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• '53 •

Maurice K. Olanick, B.A. — now practising law in Toronto, having received the degree of B.C.L. from the University of Toronto.

Edward C. Waddington, B.A. — formerly living in Boucherville, Que., has recently moved to Ottawa, Ont.

A. W. Brian Watson, B.Sc., B.Com. — and his wife Muriel (nee Tedstone) B.A. 1955 — formerly living in Don Mills, Ont. have recently moved to Strathroy, Ont. where they have built their own home. A son was born to them on Oct. 1st.

Steve Montague, B.A. — first child born to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Montague, a son, Trevor Stephen, on Oct. 25th.

• '52 •

Clement C. Velay, B.A. — formerly living in Montreal has recently moved to New York City.

David A. Pearce, B.Sc. — has recently moved to Kansas City, Kansas with his wife and two daughters. Working in the Formulation Research Section of Chemagro Corp. in Kansas City, Missouri.

Gordon W. Row, B.A. — now residing in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

• '51 •

Louis A. Prince, B.Sc. — now living in Union, New Jersey.

Lloyd W. Hill, B.Sc. — formerly living in Montreal, has recently moved to Clarkson, Ont.

• '50 •

Mrs. F. Edith Naves, B.Sc. 1950 (nee Mannard), formerly living in Montreal — has recently moved to Deseronto, Ont. where her husband is Engineer of the Napanee Iron Works.

Guy F. Wilkins, B.Sc. — formerly considered Lost Alumni — located as living in Rosemere, Que. and working for Drew Brown Ltd. in Montreal as Technical Director.

Albert C. St. Cyr, B.Com. — now living in Shawinigan Falls, Que.

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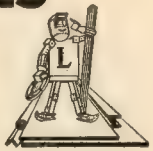

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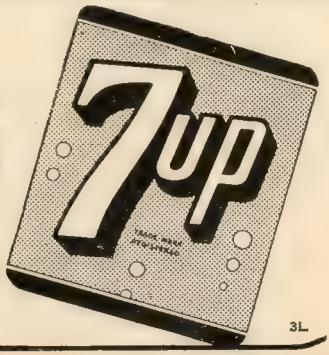

• '49 •

Karl Anderson, B.Com. — DECEASED.

Yves A. R. Dionne, B.A. — formerly living in St. Rose, Que. has recently moved to Hull, Que.

• '48 •

Victor F. Davies, B.Com. — formerly living in Montreal is now living in Ottawa where he is the Director of Accounting Services of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Ross R. Thomas, B.A. — now working as the Staff Clinical Psychologist at the Newington Home & Hospital for Crippled Children in Newington, Conn.

Dr. William B. Rothney, B.Sc. — married, June 1956. He received the degree of M.P.H. at the Harvard School of Public Health in June 1957. Now he is a Commonwealth Fund Fellow doing research in Social Pediatrics at Research Foundation of State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Dr. Rothney also has the degrees of M.D. and C.M.

• '46 •

Rabbi Jack Shtull, B.Sc. — formerly in Downsview, Ont. has recently moved to Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

• '41 •

Miss Jeannette Geymonat, B.A. — 1941, Principal of John Jenkins School, Montreal, was awarded the Order of Scholastic Merit, Second Class, by the government of the Province of Quebec on October 10.

Mrs. Florence Petrie, B.A. — graduated from Macdonald College School for Teachers in June 1957.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASIAN STUDIES GROUP, S.G.W.C.

"THE EARTH, the Universe, belongs to Everyone". These words were spoken by Sun Yat Sen, China's great revolutionary, around the turn of the century.

A basic upheaval is transforming Asia—a political and social revolution of cosmic proportions, compounded of nationalism, anti-imperialism and the rising protest of the masses against bleak and grinding poverty is moving the lives of over one billion people. Since 1945, ten new nations have come into existence in Asia and a vast structure of colonial rule has virtually disappeared, leaving behind it only a few shady remnants of European imperialism.

Never before have the life patterns of culture of so many people in such a large area of our universe been so rapidly changed. Nearly everywhere among those teeming millions a new spirit is openly manifesting itself.

What is at issue is the form of organization of society in all the countries of Asia and the character of the men of the succeeding generation which will be formed by the institutions. It is a very great issue, for as Lenin said, "In the last analysis, the issue will be determined by the fact that Russia, India and China represent a crushing majority of the population of the Globe."

"The Earth, the Universe, belongs to Everyone." It is the realization of this that has prompted the Executive of the Asian Studies Group to attempt to bring to the students of this college the rich heritage of the Far East. Much prejudice is a result of ignorance; the problem which confronts us therefore is first of all an educational one. Given the willingness to learn and understand, we can then hope to create a feeling of mutual respect and understanding, a feeling which unfortunately is not very widespread today. The walls of ignorance that surround us must be broken down if humanity is ever to live in harmony and friendship. This is not only a question of self-preservation; it is also a challenge to us as responsible members of the family of man.

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1949
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Norma F. Gould, B.A.
1954
Andrew Coley, B.Com.
1955
Thais Auf der Maur, B.A.
Abraham Ram, B.A.
1956
James D. Edy, B.A.
Edward A. Hutchinson, B.Com.
1957
Bruce G. Hulley, B.Sc.
David M. Johnson, B.Com.
John Krupey, B.Sc.
Helen Sodo, B.A.

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Irving Zweig, B.Sc. '42, has been appointed Northeastern United States district sales manager of the Textileather Division of General Tire & Rubber Co., Toledo, O. He has been serving as a special sales representative for the division in New York City.

Before joining General Tire last year, Mr. Zweig had been associated for eight years with Eggers Fabric Co. He had previously been associated with Textileather as a sales agent and distributor of the company's products in Canada, where he developed new sales outlets for its vinyl fabrics. His work there was terminated by embargo restrictions in 1948.

Mr. Zweig will be assisted in his new functions by John L. Howald, who becomes assistant district sales manager. Mr. Howald has been a product manager at the company's headquarters in Toledo, co-ordinating sales of vinyl fabrics to the luggage and leather goods industry, manufacturers of optical cases, motion picture screens, pocketbooks and novelties.

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FOR MAN OF THE YEAR, WE SELECT

NEWSPAPERS across the country devote a generous amount of time and space to the selection of a man of the year, and while we may agree in part to the names put forward for the honour, we do have a choice of our own.

For the man of the year, we select Mr. Mankind, himself.

Now the name mankind is rather paradoxical in itself, for although this higher level of animal life is commonly known as man, he is not basically kind. He is not kind to his body, even, for he invariably overeats, over-drinks and generally over-indulges, as witness his increased girth after festive seasons. If he is poor, he looks not with kind eyes upon his wealthy neighbour; if he is rich, he is not too kind to his poor relatives. He is noted as having a most unkind attitude toward his mother-in-law and his neighbours' children. He is not wholeheartedly receptive to improvement whether it comes under the heading of adopting a policy for international conservation or accompanying his wife to the opera. He does approve of his own pets and will give them a pat and a word of affection as he does his wife and progeny. He is kind to his auto but unkind to the other fellow who drives one. He is kind to new ideas if they are his KIND but turns a deaf ear to anything that might upset his own pet theories or cause a change in his mode of thinking.

Who but mankind could accept Christianity and invent the atom bomb? Who could build beautiful temples and disease-filled dungeons? Who, discover new lands and destroy civilizations? Who, rear children and put adults to death? Who, compose symphonies and watch multitudes starve? Who, paint pastoral scenes and start forest fires? Who, create living poetry and be heedless of murder? Who,

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invent cures for disease and be unmindful of the aged and infirm? Who, aspire a trip to the outer planets when he cannot live in peace with the peoples on this earth?

Ah, Mankind, you incomprehensible, enigmatic, inconsistent paradox. It is through you we have all the troubles and woes in the world today. It is through you, too, that we have so much of beauty and wonder that has evolved from your fertile brain. No other life on this planet ever could have given us so much misery on one hand while easing it with the other. You have been going on now for thousands of years but for just once and before you attain the point of no returning, we should like to name you as our special selection.

For 1957, Mr. Mankind, we salute you! (Reprinted from Uxbridges Times Journal).

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Thus, even though I may be somewhat suspect to those who believe, as did one great French philosopher, that "the gratitude of most men is nothing but a secret hope of receiving greater favors" I do want to express, most sincerely, a heartfelt appreciation of what I have received from Sir George and those who taught me.

You who are graduating tonight have had that same opportunity, and carry away with you that same fund of knowledge, but you have received it under somewhat improved circumstances. You have your new building and, crowded though you still undoubtedly are, the danger to life and limb which existed in the thundering herds of students whenever the bell rang during my time here must have been somewhat lessened. The facilities available to you have also been improved and that very substantially.

One thing, however, remains reasonably constant I am sure, and that is the contribution made by professors and lecturers themselves. No matter how fine, or how poor, the physical facilities of the college may be it can only be measured in the quality of the instruction which is given within its walls. That quality, from reports which reached me, is as high as ever — and that means as high as it possibly can be.

During your time here, however, you will have missed one great experience which my contemporaries and I enjoyed and that is the sense of being part of the transitional stage of a great experiment.

You are graduating from an accepted institution, and an important institution. It is one which has a recognized place in our community, which is obviously destined to continue indefinitely into the future, and which is an accepted part of the academic structure of Canada.

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We were still striving for recognition — we took great pride in being the college without a campus, probably because another college, with a campus not very far from here, was not too sure that we were really a respectable institution — educationally, that is — and had a good many reservations about us.

The advancement of one of our graduates into advanced studies in some other university was a cause for great rejoicing and much comment among our students.

We lived and studied, in short, in an era of experiment, of growth, and of excitement and change and surely nothing can be more inspiring to young men and young women.

While those days may have passed for Sir George, they remain for our nation as a whole — and, indeed, in many ways they remain for the entire world of today. It is a world in which great uncertainties exist, with the threat of atomic warfare overhanging all. It is a world in which development follows development with great rapidity and in which growth is piled upon growth to an amazing degree.

It is world, above all, of experiment — a world in which man is attempting, by trial and error, to work out a system by which mankind can live in peace and enjoy to the full the tremendous fruits of our modern ingenuity.

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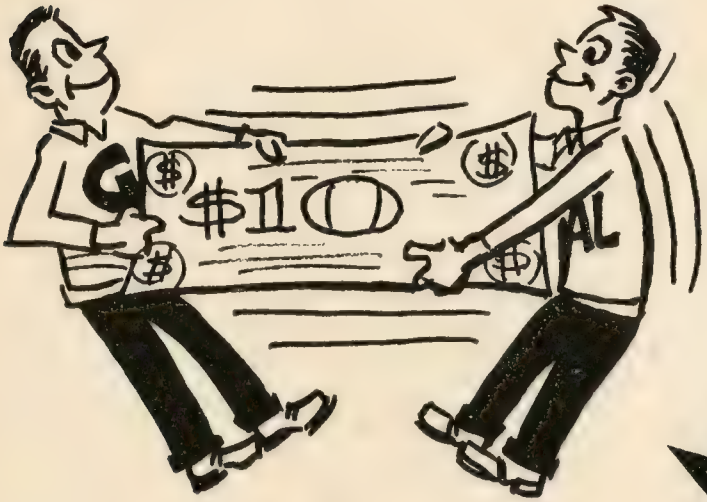

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it offered such rich rewards and never before has it been so important that he bring to the service of all mankind the learning he has acquired.

In this world of ours, one of our greatest needs is people with convictions — people who have principles in which they believe and for which they will stand firm on the ramparts of civilization, defying all those who deny those same principles.

I hope that one of those principles of yours will be a belief in mankind itself; a belief in the individual, a member of mankind, rather than in mankind in the mass; a belief that the best civilization is one founded on man's freedom and based on human dignity.

As you know, these are ideals which are not shared by all the nations of the world today; in fact the nations of the world are locked in conflict between two groups, one expressing the fundamental philosophy I have outlined and another expressing almost direct opposition to it.

I need not remind you, either, that the ideals and beliefs which I have mentioned are ones which find a very general expression in religious philosophy. The fact that Sir George, while it has not been obtrusive about its religious background, is the outgrowth of a christian institution, and the reasons for such a development, are well expressed in a short anecdote once told by the late Lord Tweedsmuir.

In one of his speeches he told the story of a visitor from the south of England who, looking over a wide expanse of bleak moor and bog, turned to a Highland shepherd beside him and said "In God's name, what does this country produce?" The shepherd solemnly removed his cap and said, "Sir, in God's name it produces educated men."

Today, all too many people appear to believe that strength consists of masses of men and machines. I do not deny they have their roles. But surely the essential

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ingredients of strength are trained intelligence, love of country, the understanding of its ideals, and, above all, a conviction of the justice of our cause.

These are matters more spiritual than material and I am not going to labour them because they are not things which one acquires from a short address. Rather, they are woven into the fibre of one's being as the result of just such experiences and discussions as you have enjoyed over the past few years. Nonetheless, I make no apologies for having mentioned them because I believe you will have acquired them already and I think it well that we should remind ourselves periodically that they are the foundation on which our good way of life is based.

In the material sense, it is doubtful if ever before a Canadian graduate faced his future under more auspicious circumstances. Canada is now, and has been for some time, enjoying a period of expansive prosperity which makes available unprecedented opportunities in the physical and social sciences. There are those, today, who do not emphasize these features, but prefer to seek the blacker side of things. They speak of unemployment, not mentioning the fact that those employed now number more than ever before. They speak of a slackening of business, not mentioning the tremendous prosperity which is spread throughout our North American Continent nor the need for an occasional period to catch our breath while we rest on this high plateau before proceeding to even greater heights. In short, they use an economic microscope to search for the occasional foreign body found in any healthy organism, without taking a good look at its over-all ruddy and healthy complexion.

As it so happens I am one of those who has tremendous confidence in Canada and in our economy, both now and for the future and because of that I say to you

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that never before has the graduate — to use the vernacular — had it so good. In architecture, agriculture, the arts, commerce, engineering, education, forestry, geology, law, medicine, scientific research, the demand for his services has never been so great.

But if this is true, it is also true that seldom in the past, if ever, has education and our educational process been so intimately linked with our national well-being and the survival of our democratic way of life.

This of course is due to the shock we have experienced in learning, not only of Russian progress in development of the ICBM but of its tremendous achievement in putting two satellites into orbit in outer space.

Education for us now is no longer only a means to a richer and more satisfying way of life. In stark reality, what we do with it, even in the very near future, may well determine whether our present civilization is to survive, or if, like Nineveh and Tyre, it is to crumple into the dust of history.

This means that we must put great emphasis behind the production of trained scientific personnel to meet not only our defence needs but all the other needs of our nation. There is a tremendous sense of urgency about this because those who would overcome us are producing such people at a very rapid rate — a rate which either presently or in the near future seems bound to outstrip our own present capacity. It is unfortunate that these demands must result from a threat from without rather than development from within but facts must be faced and I know that your addition, in so far as you are trained in the sciences, will be a welcome one indeed to our nation at the present time.

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This is not to gainsay, however, training in other fields for when we view the broad picture this is equally valuable. Indeed, one of the most interesting problems in education today is the need to resolve that fundamental conflict between those who see it as a means of providing training for the "doers" in the applied sciences and technology, and an equally strong element who see its role as being basically devotion to development of "thinkers" through encouragement of the liberal arts.

So far, we seem to have kept a satisfactory balance in our country between the two points of view and developed a pattern that is adequately meeting the needs of our modern Canada. These definitely, however, are not normal times, and it would be foolish if in the face of the challenge which confronts us we did not make a realistic appraisal of our educational system and the use we make of it.

Such an appraisal must seek a way to link technical training with an appreciation of other fields, for regardless of the progress we may make in increasing the number of graduate students who will devote themselves to pure and applied science, it would, it seems to me be fatal to the preservation of our way of life if our devotion to the liberal arts were allowed to languish.

From what we have been able to see of the workings of communism, it is apparent that dialectical materialism is its dominant attribute and that things of the spirit play a hardly visible role in its iron-fisted control of the lives of the masses.

In our western civilization, however, and despite the many evidences about us of our fondness for material things, our Christian concept of a way of life leads us to cherish most deeply those spiritual values which are our inheritance from the past and which must always be maintained as necessary to individual dignity and freedom.

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Therefore we must continue to hold, despite our immediate and training needs, that the true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already within us; and to develop to their fullest extent the capacities of every kind with which God who made us had endowed us.

It is held by most authorities on the subject, I believe, that the most desirable end result of a liberal education is the power to think, and I am sure I am right in believing that in our modern democratic society the power of thought must be brought into a close relationship with all aspects of good citizenship.

As it seems to me that no one lately has put the question of thinking in relationship to good citizenship and personal happiness better than Mr. James Muir, Chairman and President of Royal Bank of Canada, who said in a letter to a young girl who had asked his advice on her education:

> "It is only by learning how to think and by learning how to sift out things worth thinking about that you can put yourself in the best position for enjoying a happy life. Education, when of the right sort, helps you to see things clearly, to distinguish between the essential and the trivial, and to give you a frame of mind and system of thought and judgment which will fit you into your place in life.
>
> Without education, you could never hope to really understand the world or its people or what goes on in it; you could not handle yourself graciously and with ease in an environment that is not always so well disposed toward you as your home and your school; you could never relate yourself properly to the problems of others nor achieve the peace of mind and understanding which one must have for support through the crises which try all of us."

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Perhaps I am wrong, but I believe that when you have the kind of education described by Mr. Muir, you also have the kind of education that produces good citizens, and brings that sense of conviction about what is right and what is wrong that is so badly needed in any political system based on a belief in the individual.

And now, having achieved a part of your education — for education, as you know so well, will never end — you are about to proceed further along your various paths.

All of you have had an education infinitely better than that of the great majority op people; the unique experiment of Sir George, through its evening college, has given many of you the opportunity to obtain an education which would otherwise have been denied you. No matter in what faculty you may have studied, or in what period of the day or night, you have had the chance to discern the purpose of human life and human society. It is your challenge, and your responsibility in this uncertain world of today to carry with you from this place your technical training, your academic learning, and a respect for freedom and human dignity, for these together make a spark which, if carefully tended, may yet become the light that shall illumine the world.

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I NOTICED that for considerable periods of time the four oboe players had nothing to do. The number should be reduced and the work spread out more evenly over the whole of the orchestra thus eliminating centralization of activity.

All 12 violins were playing identical notes; this seems to be unnecessary duplication. The staff of this section should be drastically cut. If a larger volume of sound is required, it could be obtained by means of an electronic apparatus.

Much effort was absorbed in the playing of demi-semi-quavers; this seems to be an unnecessary refinement. I would recommend that all notes should be rounded to the nearest semi-quaver. If this were done it would be possible to use trainees and lower-grade operators more extensively.

There also seems to be too much repetition of some musical passages. Scores should be drastically pruned. No useful purpose is served by repeating on the horns, a passage which has already been handled by the strings. It is estimated that if all redundant passages were eliminated, the whole concert time of two hours could be reduced to 20 minutes, and there would be no need for an intermission

Following the principle that "there is always a better method," I feel that further review might still yield additional benefits. For example, there is still wide scope for application of the "questioning attitude" to many of the methods of operation, as they are in many cases traditional, and have not been changed for centuries. In the circumstances, it is remarkable that Methods Engineering principles have been adhered to as well as they have. For example, I noticed that the pianist was not only carrying out most of his work by two-handed operation, but was also using both feet for pedal operations. Nevertheless, there were excessive reaches for some notes on the piano, and it is probable that redesigning the keyboard to bring all notes within the normal working area would be of advantage. In many cases, the operators were using one hand for holding an instrument, whereas the use of a fixture would have rendered the idle hand available for other work.

I also noted, that excessive effort was being used occasionally by the players of wind instruments, whereas one air compressor could supply adequate air for all instruments under more accurately controlled conditions.

Obsolescence of equipment is another matter into which it is suggested further investigation could be made, as it is reported in the program that the leading violinist's instrument was already several hundred years old. If normal depreciation schedules had been applied, the value of this instrument should have been reduced to zero, and it is probable that purchase of more modern equipment could have been considered.

The conductor agrees generally with these recommendations, but expresses the opinion that there might be some falling off in box-office receipts. In that unlikely event, it might be possible to close sections of the auditorium entirely, with a consequential saving of overhead expenses, lighting, attendance, etc. If the worst came to worst, the whole thing could be abandoned and the public could go to the movies instead.

The simple tailor of old has all but disappeared. He is replaced by several dozen functionaries, specialists including the marker, the cutter, pocket maker, stitcher, hand sewer, sleeve hanger, button-hole maker and presser. Each contributes speedy, unerring skill in his own particular operation; together they make for tremendous savings of time on volume production.

The "big approach" is a hallmark of our times. Mass production and mass distribution, mass communications and mass transportation: they are the creators — and the creatures — of our modern way of living. Their impact is obviously overwhelming. The advent of television, for example, has altered our social patterns. Mass ownership of automobiles has given rise, among other things, to suburban living, rural industrial plant sites — and outdoor billboards.

Nor have organizational patterns escaped the trend to bigness. Bigger government, bigger business and bigger labor seem to be the order of the day. And I do not doubt for an instant that the scale and complexity of society *demands* large organizations. In most cases our great progress would be impossible without them. Modern undertakings require vast resources of men and money. The ever-increasing demands on governments dictate the size of government structure capable of satisfying them. Labor organizations, out of sheer self-defence if nothing else in this advance to concentration, likewise increase their size and strength.

A vivid problem now, to my mind and I suspect it is prominent in yours as well, is the need of so many in surroundings of prosperity. It is a challenge that must be faced.

Prosperity doesn't solve all problems. Not only does it leave many unsolved; it aggravates others and may even raise entirely new problems in other areas and for other people. It is curious that many "victims of prosperity" lie at the extremes of our life span.

Among children, high wages in prosperous times are a real temptation to quit education early to share in the bonanza of ready spending money — often more than is desirable for young people. Many mothers take readily-available jobs, and family obligations are sometimes neglected. Also, in prosperous times, there is greater mobility with its severance of roots.

Our welfare organizations generally are doing an excellent job of looking after the special needs of the population. In the realm of youth, they also have specialized organizations and programs. As all of us here recognize, the Y.M.C.A. has a major contribution to make this field. Devoted predominantly to the interests of young people, it provides the essential facilities for development of the whole youth, in mind, body and spirit. In so doing, it plays a basic welfare role, preventive rather than therapeutic. In a Christian atmosphere and with Christian principles it helps to build tomorrow's citizens, tomorrow's leaders.

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Recruiting and training future citizens to assume active and responsible roles in society is one of our most urgent problems. It is urgent because of the very complexities I have mentioned, complexities that becloud traditional norms of right or wrong, complexities for which there is no "social jurisprudence." This problem is also urgent because the "peak load" of youth — the result of our high post-war birth rate — is already in our school system. Before long it will be knocking on the doors of our universities. We fervently hope the knock will be a loud one, made up of a high percentage of our lower school population. Canada needs educated men and women, trained to use their God-given intelligence with resourcefulness, skill and integrity.

The percentage of our youth continuing on to higher education has been appallingly low. It must increase in the very near future (even despite our increasing total school population) if we are to have the number of educated people we need for the future.

At the same time we must recognize that our universities will be physically unable to cope with the numbers expected to seek university education, unless drastic means are taken — now.

Sir George Williams College has been recently expanded to accommodate a fast-growing student population and a broadening curriculum. It will be expected to continue its yeoman efforts on behalf of the community and indeed to further expand them. One intriguing aspect of its operations is the full use it makes of its facilities. With its daytime and evening classes, Sir George is virtually a round-the-clock operation. This extensive use of plant might well be adopted to a greater degree by other Canadian institutions of learning, along with physical expansion, to help meet the tremendous demands that will confront them in the next decade.

Nor must we overlook the vital role SGW plays as the "college of the second chance." New techniques and new technology have swept up on us so swiftly that there is a vast assemblage of adults in business and other pursuits seeking further training and education to keep pace with these advances.

In addition, our recent heavy immigration has brought us many eager, intelligent and stalwart new Canadians. Many of them are highly educated in their own educational systems and cultures and need only a short period of exposure to our language and customs, orientation in a friendly and informal educational milieu, to develop their full potentialities for useful citizenship.

These two particular groups are eminently worthy of this "second chance." The institution that brings them forward to the full flower of their capabilities is doing our city and country an outstanding service.

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The Y.M.C.A., in all of its aspects, is essentially an educational movement. In addition to its formal educational program, it applies educational principles and methods to leisure time interests of young people. It encourages and helps them develop for themselves a set of values for living. And this is so essential to the individual's well-being. Youth must be trained to be useful and happy citizens rather than merely good doctors or engineers or mathematicians. They must be given enthusiasm, loyalty and integrity. It is so easy for our norms of right or wrong to be swayed by preponderant practice or custom. Absolute morality is essential.

The morality of the individual is the keystone of our social and political institutions. Without it, there is no trust of the individual and no respect, upon which concerted effort rests. The state of personal morality is reflected directly in local governments, and even in our international relations. Thus, any moral feebleness takes on a thousandfold seriousness.

To revert to my opening point: Let's suppose for a moment that we *had* the power to establish on the moon the type of society that would fit in with our best concepts of a *good* society — what would it be? Would we set up a duplicate of our society on this planet, from which we all, I'm sure, can cite instances of cravings for power and easy money, injustices, struggles for bare existence and — to coin a word — amoralities? I don't think any, even those who today employ and enjoy power politics on an international scale, really would advocate that kind of a society without drastic amendments.

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The new society should, I think, be predicated on freedom of the individual, for only in freedom can he develop fully as a person and make his greatest contribution to his fellow men. The only limitation to this freedom would be the common good, as expressed by the majority. Individuals would also be equal before the law, and human dignity would be respected. There would be opportunity for the individual to express himself and to develop his capabilities.

But merely the declaration of these basic principles wouldn't be sufficient to guarantee a model society. There can be a wide breach between the law and its application.

For success of this model moon society, people would have to follow in their daily lives a blueprint for action given to us all 2,000 years ago.

This ancient blueprint, which we still have to have frequently recalled to us, still contains the secret of right and satisfying living, whether here or on the moon.

We are, for the time being at least, earth creatures. We may sometimes feel it's quite hopeless to try to reform this particular world of ours and its society. But somewhere, sometime, frequently or infrequently as the case may be, each of us as individuals *does* have the opportunity to work for a better society. The wildest dreams have been and can be made to come true. Let us take this resolution now: that each of us in our daily lives will devote at least a little time and effort toward making this world a better place in which to live and which to hand on to future generations.

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David A. Pearce. B.Sc. — now living in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is engaged in formulation research in agricultural pesticides for Chemagro Corp., Neville Island, Pa. He is married and has two children.

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Royce W. T. Woollerton, B.Sc. — recently moved to Preville, Que.

Duncan I. Stephen, B.Sc. — received the degree of M.D. and C.M. at Queen's University in 1956 and is presently interning at the Kingston General Hospital in Kingston, Ont. together with two other Georgian Graduates — Arne O. Tikkala, B.Sc. 1950, and Henry C. Gasmann, B.Sc. 1950. Dr. Stephen is going into general practise in Sterling, Ont. Dr. Tikkila is going to do a senior internship at Ottawa Civic Hospital in Ottawa, Ont. and Dr. Gasmann is spending a year in Anesthesia at Kingston General Hospital

Howard W. French, B.Sc., B.A. 1951 — formerly of Montreal, has moved to Gardena, California, U.S.A.

- 1949 -

Richard C. Martin, B.A. — has returned to Montreal after living in Europe for 1½ years. He is now working as Office Manager for the A. P. Green Firebrick Co.

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SPUTNIK AND OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

by R. PIONTKOVSKY

EVER SINCE Sputnik the first shattered our complacency on the subject of the technical superiority of the western world, there has been a veritable epidemic of advice on what to do about it. The comments are comming fast and furious and the names of the authors read like a "Who's Who" of North America. So since every Tom, Dick and Harry from the President of the United States to the Junior Chamber of Commerce has become an authority on the remedies to be taken in our educational system, (and since the editor of this veritable publication asked for individual contributions without specifiying their calibre) I feel entitled to add my voice in the wilderness to the unholy row.

The remedy everyone seems to advocate is to train more scientists — whatever that is. Why in Russia (so the story goes), children take so many years of mathematics, so many of physics. Their universities turn out so many engineers more than we do, and so on ad nauseam. So all we have to do to keep our traditional lead in technology is to turn out more engineers. Simple, isn't it?

Well, I think it is about time we wake up to the fact that what comes out of our Engineering Faculties are not scientists but technicians in the fullest sense of the word. The ability to wield a slide rule and to read blueprints does not make a scientist. Nor does an aggregation

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of assorted formulas, diplomas and association memberships. A scientist is not a preconditioned electronic brain set up to carry out functions in a mechanically predetermined manner. A true scientist is first and foremost a creative thinker. He has to abound in imagination, he has to be able to see over and above the immediate problem at hand, he has to have a breadth of outlook which can only be acquired through a study of the humanities. Without these qualities he becomes a technician. And technicians are a menace to society, to progress, to humanity as a whole.

What the free world needs is not a larger number of mass-produced mechanical manequins, but individualists who are not afraid of being different, of thinking for themselves, of analyzing and exploring, and thereby creating. Our Universities should not be expected to set up production lines for the repetetive manufacture of slide-rule pushers. If our civilization needs more of them, than it is the function of the technical school to produce them. Under no circumstances should the College or the University be equated to the Technical School. The function of the former being to produce thinkers, that of the latter to produce doers.

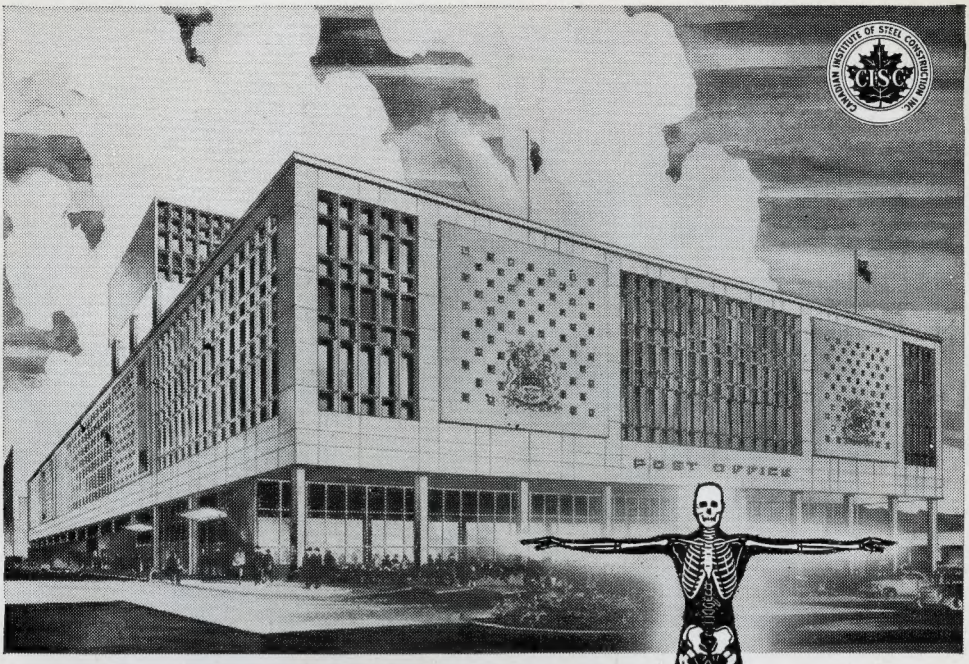
But creative thinkers do not live by bread alone. They are the product of a culture and an environment which is conducive to their growth and stimulating to their mature development. This is the basic point which so many of the contributors to this subject have overlooked. During our incessant search for the easier things in life we have overlooked the better things in it. It was Matthew Arnold who defined culture as the study of the "harmonious expansion of *all* the powers which make the beauty and worth of human nature".

But I repeat that in our incessant search for material advancement we have neglected, nay rejected, the creative powers of the human spirit as exemplified in its culminating achievement of culture. It is trully ironical to reflect that the Russian Communists have understood this point only too well. Unable to produce anything but isolated sparks in the few creative man who remained to enjoy the proleteriats' paradise, they proceeded to draw upon the immense richness of native Russian culture prior to the turn of the century (whose existence even the late Senator McCarthy would have hesitated to deny). In the course of the forty years of the rule of terror, three distinct types have emerged from the classless society: first the proleteriat, whose faceless, nameless masses bear the brunt of the most inhumane experiment history has seen. Secondly the scourge themself — the party members and the commissars. And thirdly there is an incongruous class, one which is reminiscent of the theory of the leasure class — namely the creative intelligentsia.

It is this intelligentsia by whom and for whom Russian ballet has remained the world's foremost, it is they who keep the Bolshoi Theater open, it is they who produce an Oistrakh and a Prokofiev, it is they who produce a sputnik. And woe unto the free world if we try to counter with more technicians.

Sputnik is not a technological threat, (for everyone was expecting it next year anyway), but a challenge to our way of life, to our concepts of value and of reality. We can meet it nobly through such institutions as the National Ballet of Canada, the Stratford, Ont. festivals, through an Emily Carr, a Glenn Gould and a Lionel Shapiro. Or we can rot away the death of a decaying civilization, devoid of the breath of life of an indigenous culture.

I feel that this question becomes especially pertinent to the Alumni of Sir George at a time when the College proposes to inaugurate an Engineering course of its own. As such our College faces a grave choice and shoulders a great moral responsibility. Perhaps some thought on our part may help them to make the right decision in meeting the challenge of the sputnik.



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